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SUBJECT : Frau Hildegard BEETZ

TO : Chief X-2 Germany

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1. Attached is the XYZ-1 (short Form) for vetting of Frau Hildegard BEETZ.

2. Frau BEETZ is recommended for approval as a "Penetration Agent" to operate in the Munich area. She is highly intelligent, speaks German, Italian, French and English fluently. After observation on the exploitation of Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL she appears to be cooperative and it is believed she can be trusted.

3. Her former position in AMT VI as an executive and trusted agent makes her an ideal prospect to be contacted for any rebirth of the GIS in any form. The confidence of the GIS in her ability and trustworthiness is pointed up by the complete confidence placed in her by Dr. HÖTTL during his exploitation. Her complete knowledge of personalities and her insight to the German mind will help her in evaluating any CE information that she receives.

4. Control of Frau BEETZ can be maintained as she is an "Automatic Arrest" and will be aware that her release is through our efforts. Her husband is a PW at this time as a member of the German General Staff and his future is a matter of great concern to her. She is willing to perform any duty that she feels may be of assistance in his future well being. In addition to these two tangible factors Frau BEETZ maintains that she is not a disciple of Nazi ideals. In proof of this statement she claims to have attempted to drop her membership in the Party in 1942. This fact is to be verified but it is noted that all other statements made by the subject have been checked through other interrogation reports and found to be accurate.

5. It is planned to have Frau BEETZ secure employment as a secretary through the Arbeits Büro in Munich. She will then pick up former social contacts in the area which have a former Party affiliation. By a conviction previously formed she is going to join the Roman Catholic Church. She feels that the Church will very possibly be the "cover" used in any future operations of the GIS. By cultivating contacts within the Church she will be in a position to be immediately informed of any subversive action.

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6. A complete background of Frau BEETZ's activity can be obtained by a study of the following reports:

- "Hildegard BEETZ nee Burkhardt" dated 14 June 1945 by Capt. Geo. A. Schriever
- "Hildegard BEETZ nee Burkhardt, SD Executive and Agent" dated 18 June 1945 by Lt. Stewart French
- "Special Interrogation Report- Frau Hildegard BEETZ" dated 9 July 1945 by Reginald Phelps
- "Operation Ciano" date and interrogator unknown
- "The SD(AMT VI RSHA) in Italy" dated 4 Aug. 1945 by 3rd Army Intelligence Center.

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XYZ-1 (Short Form)

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| a. SCI | e. 11 August 1945 |
| b. Munich | f. Investigation- reliable |
| c. S/A Grant | g. Urgent |
| d. Agent | |

1. BEETZ born BURKHARDT
2. Hildegard
3. During service with AMT VI subject used "Felicitas" as cover name.
4. Born 16 Sept. 1919 at Oberrissa (near Weimar) Germany.
5. German
6. In custody at Third US Army Intelligence Center.
7. 14 Belvedereallee, Weimar Germany.
8. a. 1.61m b. 43kg c. erect d. brown e. oval
f. pale g. none h. none apparent
9. All travel outside Germany was during employe of RSHA as follows:
 July-Oct. 1941 Rome Italy AMT VI.
 July 42-Aug. 43 Rome Italy AMT VI
 Jan-Mar. 44 Lugano Switzerland AMT VI
10. Subject began work in 1938 doing housework in Dresden Germany. In August 1939 she was hired by SD Abschnitt/Weimar as a clerk and interpreter. Later, she was transferred to RSHA in AMT VI in the same capacity. Eventually she was given status as an agent and remained as such until the end of the war.
11. March 1940- Clerk interpreter under Haupt METZ AMT VI E 1
 July 1941- Interpreter for Ostuf ZIMMER AMT VI Rome
 Oct. 1941- Clerk interpreter AMT VI Berlin
 July 1942- Translator (agent) Stubaf LOOS AMT VI Rome
 Aug. 1943- Translator for Dr. Wilhelm HOTTEL, Italian Referat Rome.
 Sept. 1943- Agent for "Operation Giano" Under HOTTEL
 Jan. 1944- AMT VI Agent in Lugano Switzerland
 Mar. 1944- Translator AMT VI Berlin
12. Subject states (under no. 15) that she was an unwilling member of NSDAP. In 1942 she decided to sever her connection while in Rome and stopped paying dues to the office in Berlin. This action was not discovered by RSHA and she believes that she was dropped from the party roster at that time. A check of membership files should verify this fact and prove of interest in evaluation. Subject claims to have interceded for Giano during her part in the "Operation Giano" and double-crossed her superiors by withholding information and falsifying reports. Verification of this will assist in evaluating the subject's claim that she was not a Nazi Idealist and wished to sever her connection with RSHA but was held in the work despite protests to her superiors.

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13. The subject has been interrogated during the past two months by a number of interrogators and in each case has told the same story in good chronological order. The details in each report are parallel and each interrogator reports her to be straightforward and honest in manner. Her cooperation is a matter of comment in each case.
During her use in the exploitation of Dr HÖTTL she has been given certain instructions to follow. In addition, as a test information has been given to her in confidence with an admonition that it was not to be passed on to HÖTTL. The listener during her time with HÖTTL in a wired room reports that she has followed the instructions to the letter and never divulged any of the confidences given to her. In the interrogations made on her interviews with HÖTTL her statements coincided exactly with the report of the listener.
14. Ev. Lutheran
15. Joined Hitler JUgend voluntarily in the Fall of 1933 and was absorbed with this group into NSDAP in 1938. Subject claims to have stopped paying dues in 1942 and believes she was dropped from party at that time.
16. Husband- Lt.Col. Gerhard BEETZ General Staff officer, now a PW with US Third Army.
17. 1925-1930 Volksschule Oberrissa
1930-1938 Realgymnasium Weimar
1939 Dolmetscher School for Translators Liepsig

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